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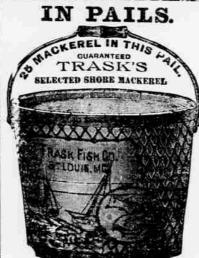
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Better Than a Vote. [From the Boston Courier.] They strolled together through the gr And as they lingered on the way, In fervid tones he told his love,

His ardent yows she, trembling, heard, And as her glances sought the sward

Speak, darling, speak," the lover said, "Oh, say my pleadings are not in vain! he an-wered not, but hung her head And sighed again. "That you are diffident and shy."

He said, "those downcast looks denote You will not speak? then you and I "It is an easy thing to do: A ballot, sweetest, cast with me,

The question being, shall we two United be? Again she let her lashes fall.
Then murmured with a charming air:
"Dear Jack, we need not vote all;

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THE CONQUERED BANNER Furl that Banner, for 'tis weary: Round its staff 'tis drooping dreary; Furl it, fold it, it is best;

In the blood which beroes gave it; Furl it, hale it-let it rest Take that Banner down! 'tis tattered; Broken is its staft and shattered; And the valiant hosts are scattered Over whom it floated high. 'tis bard for us to fold it; Hard to think there's none to hold it:

Furl that banner! furl it sadly! Once ten thousands hailed it gladly, And ten thousands wildly, madly, Swore it should forever wave Swore that foeman's sword should never

Forl it! for the hands that grasped it And the hearts that fondly clasped it, Cold and dead are lying low; And that banner-it is trailing! While around it sounds the wailing Of its people in their woe. For, though conquered, they adore it! Love the cold, dead hands that bore it! Weep for those who fell before it! Pardon those who trailed and tore it! But, oh! wildly they deplore it, Now who furl and fold it so.

Furl that banner! True 'tis gory, Yet 'tis wreathed around with glory, And 'twill live in song and story.

Though its folds are in the dust;
For its fame on brightest pages,
Penned by poets and by sages,
Shall go sounding down the ages— Furl its folds though now we must

Furl that banner softly, slowly? Treat it gently—it is holy— For it droops above the dead. Touch it not—unfold it never, Let it droop there furled forever. For its people's hopes are dead

At the ceremonies connected with the un eiling of the recumbent figure of General at the request of General Early, recited the to-day

celebrated poem: Forth from the scabbard, pure and bright, ligh o'er the braye in the cause of right is stainless sheen, like a beacon-light Out of its scabbard, where full long. It slumbered peacefully— Roused from its rest by the battle song

Forth from its scabbard, high mair, And they who saw it gi aming there, And knew who bore it, kneat to swear That where that sword ted they would dare To tollow and to die.

Out of its scabbard! Never hand r purer sword led braver band, r braver bled for a brighter land, Nor brighter land had a cause as grand, Nor cause, a chief like Lee!

Forth from its scabbard! how we prayed That sword might victor be! And when our triumph was delayed, And many a heart grew sore afraid We still hoped on, while gleamed the blade Of noble Robert Lee!

Forth from its scabbard! all in vain Forth flashed the sword of Lee! Tis shrouded now in its sheath again. It sleeps the sleep of our noble slain, Defeated, yet without a statu, Proudly and peacefully.

MEETING OF THE OLD MEN'S CLUB. Young, Rutus Young, Wm. Beatie. P.

The Old Men's Club of Lafavette ounty met, last Saturday, May 22, 886, at the residence of Mr. Harvey J. Higgins, in Higginsville. Mr. Higgins being the host as well as president, the meeting was presided over by S. G. Wentworth, the vice-

resident. Rev. Samuel T, Ruffner read the 37th Psalm, and offered prayer. The minutes of the preceding ing were read and approved. The roll was called and the followng named members of the club were found to be present:-

ARTHUR G. YOUNG.

J. R. FORD, F. R. GRAY, ELIAS WHEATLEY, N. J. CARTER. E. GLADDISH, T. B. CLAGETT. JNO. A. PORTER, WM. P. PARKER. S. G. WENTWORTH. The following were admitted nembership during the meeting: --JOSEPH H. PAGE.

A. A. Lesneur delivered an address Stephen G Wentworth, who was then on the history of the membership of for the fourth time entertaining this the club. On motion of Mr. Higgins the thanks of the club were extended to the speaker for his address, and he was requested to publish it. Mr. Wm. P. Parker gave his nativity as follows:—Born in Hampshire county, Va., July 5, 1810; came to Mis-

souri in 1843; occupation, a farmer. The following named gentlemen were dmitted to membership: Henry Slusher, born in Floyd county, Va., March 26, 7816; came to Mis. speaker, for however well I might dis- ginia, Dec. 12, 1810. charge the duties of historian had I the ouri in 1828; farmer. John R. Colvert, born in Fauquire leisure that is so necessary for research, county, Va., March 18, 1816; came as it is, whatever I do must be only Missouri in 1838; farmer

Jos. H. Page, born in Mason county, Kentucky, April 16, 1813; came to uninteresting to the membership, and Missouri in 1827; farmer. to their friends here assembled, to hear Club took recess for dinner a brief account of how this association lowing report on the death of Brother originated and who its members have When the club re-assembled the fol William F. Bradley was read and been. In rehearing these details I shall mention some of the pioneers of

dopted:-The subject of this sketch was born this section of Missouri, men of strong in Logan county, Kentucky, Septemper 6, 1806. In about the year 1833 he, honesty, whose character and whose with the rest of his father's family, work has left its impress for good upon noved to Missouri, settling near Colum- the county of Latayette bus, in Johnson county. In the year On August 4th, 1868, there was as-1839 he was married to Mrs. Caroline sembled a little company of old citi-Parker, after which he moved to La- zens and soldiers of the war of 1812, fayette county, where he spent the at the residence of Mr. James Hicklin rest of his life. In the year 1854, his near Lexington. Upon the suggestion wife died, leaving him the care of six of Capt. Henry Wallace these gentle children, of whom Lee Bradley, of men formed themselves into an Old Medicine Lodge, Kansas, Mrs. John Men's Association, to consist of persons Fulkerson and Miss Mary Bradley, of over seventy years of age. That or-Her cheeks with brightest blushes dyed, Odessa, in this county, are all that are ganization was the beginning of this living. The eldest son, Robert, died in club. the southern army; Sallie, Mrs. F. M. Stockton, died in August, 1885, and

Eva, who was unmarried, died in October, 1885, surviving her father only a tessed religion and became a member of the Methodist church, South, and through the rest of his days he remaintucky, November 28, 1791. ed a faithful and conscientious member of that body. It has been said tucky, March 24, 1792. that an honest man is the noblest work of God. If that is true, then here was a February 7, 1792. masterpiece. It is rare that a man impresses his fellows with such simplicity of character and freedom from guile as only survivor of the little band who did Wm. F. Bradley. Being very indus- organized the club. trions he worked steadily and patiently at the duties that fell in his way. He see, January 7, 1795. had no aspirations higher than to be a neighbor and an honest man. In manners, he was courteous and at the same time retiring. He rarely left home ex-

good Christian, a kind father, a good September 3, 1795. cept when business called; and while has had, pretty regularly, semi-annual possessed sound judgment, was meetings, adding to its membership, modest in offering opinions. When and having its numbers lessened as one the debility of age came on and he was weary brother after another has enter no longer able to attend to the duties ed into rest. Capt, Wallace was made of the farm, he sold his place and the first president, and Mr. Shotwell bought a home in Mayview, where the acted as clerk. last few years of his life were spent. Here his health slowly failed, and after | ded to as follows. At the meeting a short illness, the effect of a violent which took place: cold, he died March 29, 1885. His remains are buried at Marvin Chapel, three miles south of Mayview.

JOHN A. PORTER, Com. Virginia, June 6, 1794. 2. R. H. Bradley, born in Georgia, ELIJAH GLADISH, February 19, 1790. Rev. A. A. Moore, John A. Moore 3. Gen. Jas. H. Graham, born in and Mason R. Henry were appointed a New York, December 5, 1798. committee to prepare suitable resolutions in memory of the late Oliver March 8, 1797.

The entire club was requested to charge itself with finding correct data of the death of members of whom such records have not been kept, and especially to ascertain whether or not Brother William Helms is still living. The next meeting of the clab, by an invitation repeated from last year, was determined to be held at residence of Mr. Carmi Sharp, 14 miles west of Higgiusville. Persons coming to Higginsville by rail will find vehicles to take them to Mr Snarp's; and it is particularly requested that every member of the club shall be present.

Gen. Graham made a short speech, replete with feeling. He urged the old to remember their responsibilities to the young; he advised them to be ready for their imminent change; and he said the day was a proud one to him, to be emembered as long as he should live Mr. Wiles spoke in a similar strain, commending a dependence upon the Lord Jesus Christ, and a love for one another and for all people.

Rev. Mr. Gray was called upon but owing to the great difficulty with which France, March 25, 1800.

he articulates he was excused. The following resolution was adopt-Resolved, That the hearty thanks of

Robert E. Lee and the inauguration of the this association are hereby tendered to Lee mansoleum June 28, 1883, at the Wash- our host and hostess, Brother Higgins ginia, February 15, 1800 ington and Lee university, after the conclu-and wife, for the sumptuous teast with May 4, 1792. sion of Major Daniels' oration, Father Ryan, which this club has been entertained On motion of Mr. Wiles the thanks of the club were also extended to the ginia, November 26, 1798. ladies and gentlemen who so assidious-

ly waited upon the members at the April 12, 1800. Mr. Higgins moved and Col. Ford Kentucky, August 2, 1798. conded a motion to have the address of A. A. Lesueur printed in pamphlet form and distributed to the members and families of members of the club from its incipiency, which was adopted. A Virginia, February 27, 1793 collection was taken up for the purpose

and turned over to the secretary, Mr. 24. R. C. Johnson, born in Virginia, Rufus Young. The club then adjourned to meet on November 19, 1789. the fourth Saturday. September 25, 1886, at Mr. Carmi Sharp's. To the official record we must add at least a few words. Mr. and Mrs.

to the pleasure of their friends. Be-27. side the seventeen members of the club. sylvania, July 15, 1801. there were some fifty guests, and all SEPTEMBER 12, 1874. were made to enjoy the day. The dinner was a most elegant one. To a bill tucky, July 11, 1803. Also S. G. 29 May 28, 1881, at A. G. Young's, of fare sumptuous in its profusion, was Wentworth and Paschal A. Gibbs, 30, Sept. 24, 1881, at Wm. M. Whitadded an artistic preparation of the and their wives, were made honorary table that rendered the whole an æsthet- members of the club. At this meeting ic feast. For the elegant ornamenta- I find the name of (29) Philip Prather Gibbs'. tion of the cakes and the table much is in the roll, but no previous mention of 32 Sept 30, 1882, Wm. C. Beatie's. due to the beautiful and accomplished his election, which, however, had been

tlemen whose names are mentioned in dames Seth Mason, N. J. Carter, A. G. tucky, Jan. 23, 1799.

31. Joel P. Wiles, born in Kentucky, Sept. 12, 1804. Thomas C. Bledsoe, born Kentucky, April 15, 1862. ton, Henry Slusher, S. T. Ruffner;
Misses Sue Gray, Myrtle Steele and
Hattie Barnett; Messrs. Wm. H.

33 Gideon Flourno
tucky, April 25, 1805.
SEPTEMBER, 33 Gideon Flournoy, born in Ker

37. Col James Young, born

Tennessee, May 11, 1800.

David Rallston, Camillus Barnett, A. MAY 12, 1877. E. Asbury, Joseph Barnett, Thomas Wheatley, A. S. Higgins, Eli Adams, Alexander P. Hogan, born P. E. Ayres, Granville Page, Thomas Virginia, March 1, 1788. Rev. Fincelius R Gray, born As agreeable as are all the meetings in Kentucky, July 30, 1806.

ever been more pleasant than this one SEPTEMBER, 1877. at Mr. Higgins'. 38. Rev. John Lapsley Yantis, born about 9 o'clock, p. m., at Laucaster, Garrard county, Kentucky, on Sept. THE OLD MEN'S CLUB OF LAFAY-ETTE COUNTY. 14. le04.

E. Ayres, A. E. Asbury, G. Page, C.

Barnett, Ferd. D. Smith, B. S. Higgins,

Jos. Barnett, Philip Knoble, D. Ralls-

Letcher, of Saline county; Seth Mason.

of the old men's club, it seemed to be

the unanimous verdict that none had

friend, Mr. Higgins, immediately dis-

minds, vigorous frames and sturdy

The charter members were:

Carolina, October 23, 1784.

ginia, February 25, 1791.

1. Edward Minnis, born in North

Henry Wallace, born in

8. James Hicklin, born in Tenne

SEPTEMBER 13, 1868.

5. Levi Simpson, no record

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Geo. T. Chrisman, born in Ken-

William Houx, born in

NOVEMBER 10, 1868.

JULY 3, 1869,

SEPTEMBER 4, 1869,

Howard Williams, born in Ken-

8. Geo, T. Graham, born in Ken

History of its Organization and 39. Wm. M. Whitsett, born in Ken-Membership. tucky, Sept. 11, 1805. 40. Wm F. Bradley, born in Ten nessee, Sept. 15, 1806. Club, at the Residence of H. The name of (41) Brother Elia J. Higgins, Esq., at Hig-Wheatley is on the roll of this date He was born in Kentucky, February ginsville, Mo . Naturday, May 22, by A.

SEPTEMBER 27, 1879. A. Lesneur, of Lexington. 42. James H. Norfolk, was born Maryland, October 26, 1799. [Published by request of the Club.] 43. John Price, was born in Garrard county, Kentucky, Feb. 21, 1807. Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Old Men's Club of Lafagette County : SEPTEMBER 25, 1880. At your meeting in May, 1885, 44. Isaac Ruffner, born in Virginia

at the hospitable residence of Mr. Jan. 21, 1804. MAY 28, 1881, Lawson Grant, born in Kentucky, July 1, 1810. association, I was unguarded enough Paschal A. Gibbs, born in Vir to say that an address upon the history ginia, Nov. 21, 1807. and membership of the club might be 47. Nathaniel J. Carter, born Virginia, August 6, 1810. made interesting, upon which my good

SEPTEMBER 24, 1881. charged the American duty of making Jacob Campbell, born in Vit a motion, and it was decided that I ginia, Feb. 13, 1810. 49. Lawson Smith, born in Ken should undertake the task. I fear that tucky, May 11, 1807. the club made an unwise selection of a 50. John A Porter, born in Vir

MAY 27, 1882. 51, Mason R. Henry, born in Ken tucky, May 28, 1810. 52. Ohver Gann, born in Tennessee cursorily done. Still, It may not be November, 1806. SEPTEMBER 30, 1882.

53. Harvey J. Higgins, born Kentucky, Sept. 19, 1812. 54. Cyrus Osborn, born in ginia, Jan. 26, 1812. Elijah Gladdish, born in Kentucky, Oct. 30, 1810. Wm. Parker: no record MAY 19, 1883,

Tennessee, March 31, 1811. 58. James Clowdsley, born in Maryland, Feb. 15, 1813. MAY 23, 1885. 50. Stephen G. Wentworth, born i Massachusetts October 10, 1811. 60. Thomas B. Clagett, born

57. Rev. A. A. Moore, born i

Maryland, April 22, 1809. 61. Richard C. Vanghan Virginia, July 30, 1813. **SEPTEMBER 26, 1885** 62 Rev. B. M. Hobson, born in Virginia, Oct. 7, 1810.

OFFICERS. The officers who have presided over the association were as follows:-3. Lewis Greene, born in Tennessee On Aug. 4, 1868, at the first meeting. 4. Jabez Shotwell, born in Ken Captain Henry Wallace was elected president, and Jabez Shotwell, clerk. May 14, 1869, on motion of Major A. G. Young, H J. Higgins was made clerk. 6. John Nelson, born in Tennessec September 4, 1870, Col. Lewis Greene

was elected president pro tem., on ac 7. Arthur G. Young, born in Ten count of the sickness of Brother Henry nessee, September 26, 1794, and the Wallace. September 9, 1871, Lewis Greene. president; John Nelson, vice-president. 9. John Vanghan, born in Kentucky

September 14, 1872, A. G. Young, president; Wm. McCausland, vice-10. Washington Johnson, born in Virginia, July 10, 1795. president September 13, 1873, Jno. R. Ford, president; J. H. Graham, vice-presi-From that time until now the club September 12, 1874, J. H. Graham, president; H. M. Bledsoe, vice-presi-

September, 1875, H. M. Bledsoe. president; Wei Honx, vice-president September, 1876, Wm. Houx, president; Philip Prather, vice-president. September, 1877, Col. James Young The membership thereafter was adpresident; Dr. J. L. Yantis, vice-pres-September 28, 1878, Dr. John Lapsley

1. Col. Robert N. Smith, born in Yantis, president; Rev. Mr. Gray, vicepresident. September 27, 1879, Mr. Gray. pres ident; Dr. Yantis, vice-president. September 25, 1880, A. G. Young, president; Juo. R. Ford, vice-presi-4. Geo. Houx, born in Kentucky, dent. September 24, 1881, Paschal A.

Gibbs, president; Wm. Houx, vicepresident September 130, 1882, N. J. Carter, president; no record of the election of a vice-president. Mr. Higgins after try was very new then. Farms were serving since May 13, 1869, resigned as secretary and Mr. Rufus Young was chosen to the position. September 22, 1883, Rev. A. A. Moore, president, John Price, vicepresiden September 27, 1884, Rev. A. A. Moore, president; H. J. Higgins, vice-

10. Sept. 9, 1871, at Geo. Houx'.

May 8,1875, at S. G. Wentworth's

Sept., 1876, at Philip Prather's.

22. Sept., 1877, at Elizabeth Auf

May 24, 1879, at Ferd D. Smith's

21. May 12, 1877, at H J. Higgins

23. May 25, 1878, at Rufus Young's

26. Sept. 27, 1879, at S. G. Went-

27. May 22, 1880, Col. Juo. R. Ford's

28. Sept. 25, 1880, at Rev. F. R.

31. May 27, 1882, at Paschal A

33. May 19, 1883, at Jos. F. Smith's.

34 Sept. 22, 1883, Jno. D. Robin-

21. Sept, 28, 1878, at Geo. Houx'.

10. Jesse Roberts, born in Virginia, September 26, 1885, H. J. Higgins Jane 11, 1795. president; S. G. Wentworth, vice-pres MAY 14, 1870. William Helms, born in South PLACES OF MEETING. Carolina, June 18, 1795. 1. Aug. 4, 1868, at the residence of 12. Daniel Sims, born in Virginia James Hicklin. Sept. 15, 1868, at Lewis Greene's 13. Geo. Buckner, born in Virginia Nov. 10, 1868, at Wm. Robinson's

president.

 May 13, 1869, at John Nelson's. SEPTEMBER 10, 1870. 5. July 3, 1869. Henry Wallace's: 14. Street Hale, born in Virginia alted meeting. 6. Sept. 4, 1869, at Maj. A. G 15 Lucien Dumaine, born Young's 7. May 14, 1870, at Washington John MAY 14, 1871. 8. Sept. 10,1870,at Col. R. N. Smith's John R. Ford, born in Kentucky, May 8, 1801. May 14, 1871, at Gen. J. H. Gra

Wm. Frick, born in Germany 11. Nov. 8, 1871, called on account of special invitation, by S. G. Went SEPTEMBER 9, 1871. 12. May 11, 1872, at Juo R. Ford's 19. Thomas Callaway, born in Vir-13 Sept. 1872, at P. A. Gibbs' June 14, 1873, at Wm. McCaus 20. J. G. Suddath, born in Virginia, 15. Sept. 13, 1873, at Geo. Houx'

21. Hiram M. Bledsoe, born No record of May, 1874. Club had adjourned to the residence of H. M. NOVEMBER 8, 1871. 22. William McCausland, horn 16. Sept. 12, 1874, at Jno. R. Ford's Tyrone, Ireland, October 9, 1797. 18. Sept., 1885, at A. G. Young's 23. James Sommerville, born in 19. May, 1876, at Washington John SEPTEMBER 14, 1872.

Wm. McCormack, born in Vi

25. Rev. Robert Renick, born in Kentucky, March 16, 1798. JUNE 14, 1873, 26. David Locke, born in Ken-

Higgins did all in their power to add tucky, September 3, 1799. Jessie Schofield, born in Pennworth's 28. James Baird, born in Ken- Grav's,

regularly made. Brother Prather was We noticed present, beside the gen- born in Kentucky, February 27, 1799. son's. MAY 8, 1875. the proceedings of the meeting, Mes- 30. Isaac Chanslor, born in Ken-

35. May 10, 1884, at N. J. Carter's. Barnett's.

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37. May 23, 1885, at Stephen G Wentworth's. 38. Sept. 26, 1885, at A. G. Young's THE DEAD

And now it becomes my duty, briefly speak of the beloved dead, thos SEPTEMBER, 1876, who having fought a good tight have 34. Alexander Cheatham; no record passed to their reward.

I am sorry to say that herein the records of the club are most deficient. omitting some of the vital statistics such as date of death, date of marriage name of wife. &c. I would recommend that a committee be appointed to remedy the defect in the record, and to graph for obituary notices as will bviate this difficulty in the future. Where the dates of death is not o record I will mention the date more which the resolutions of respect were

Wm. Robinson, resolutions read at eeting Sept. 4, 1869. R. C. Bradley, resolutions read May 3, 1871.

Geo. Buckner, died Jan. 17, 1871. Howard Williams died Dec. 1873. Dr. John Vaughan and Lucien Dumaine, resolution read May 8, 1875. dso Jas. G Suddath and Lewis Green Henry Wallace, Rev. Robt Renick, ames Hicklin and John Nelson, resolutions read Sept., 1875. Geo. T. Chrisman and Wm. Frick resolutions read May, 1876.

Hiram M. Bledsoe, died October 25 James Baird, resolutions read May Wm. McCausland died Dec. 26, 1876 Jas, Sommerville, died Oct. 23, 1876 Robt. N. Smith, died April 14, 1877 Capt. Thos. Callaway, died in 1877

Jesse Roberts, died July 26, 1877. Col. James Young, resolutions read Washington Johnson, died May 3 879. Thos. L. Bledsoe, died Sept. 18, 1879. Jesse Schofield, resolution read Sept. 5, 1880, and Alexander Cheatham

died Dec. 1, 1879. Geo. Houx, died July 9, 1881. Isaac Chanslor, died April 26, 1883. Wm McCormack, died May 28, 1881 Dr. John Lapsley Yantis, died May Richard C. Johnson, died Oct, 1882

Alexander P. Hogan, resolutions read Jacob N. Campbell, died Feb. 11 Isaac Ruffner, died March 14, 1884. Isaac Ruffner, died March 14, 1884.
Paschal A. Gibbs, died November
1, 1883.
Lawson Smith, resolutions read Sant

2, 1883.

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Wm Whitsett, resolutions read Sept

Lawson Smith, resolutions read Sept. 26, 1885. There is no special record of the sociation, where its cares have been alleviated by loving hands, and its bayid Locke, Philip Prather, Levi hopes based upon a blessed immortali-Simpson, Oliver Gann or Gideon ty through the redeeming grace of the

Thus I have presented to the club. briefly as possible, a chronological his- hosts of Heaven-the name of Jesustory of the organization. I am aware the Christ. of its imperfections, but to make i what it should be will require much o both time and labor. This time should cheerfully be given given by some one who can spare it to a worthy cause; the labor should be to any man who can do it, a labor of love. If I have furnished the skeleton upon which some future

and better writer will construct a body

full of life and beauty, such as the subject will very well afford, I shall feel satisfied. Mr. President, it grieves me that the imits of such an address as this precludes me from speaking as I should like of those members of this club who have passed from labor to refreshment. More or less I knew them all. Most of them were my very dear friends; one, as pure and loving a heart as ever beat in mortal bosom, was my sainted mother's father. My affection and reverence went out to them. I honored them, ble grounds: not for their worldly possessions, for none of them were wealthy, but for the riches which they had, such riches as they could take with them to that house not made with hands eternal in Our district, or central dem quer the obstacles which naturally beset the pioneer; more gentleness at the yet perhaps when one virtue or another s mentioned the mind will picture this brother or that as excelling in it, but

in the two great virtues they were all united-they loved their country and they loved their God. Mr. President, the members of this this state and county. Many of them were here early in the thirties. In the first year of that decade Gen. Graham was following his trade of hatter in Lexington, and Geo. Houx was the saddler and harness maker. The counfew and far between, and red deer were much more plentiful than shorthorn catttle. The name of Col. Young, afterward Lieut-Governor of the state. graced this epoch, as did that of Capt. Callaway; and some of the members of the club resided in the territory of Missouri in 1818, two years before it the east by a continuation of the line of our present boundary, on the south by the Osage river, and on the west by

In April, 1825, General Lafavette

ette, visited St. Louis, the general then may greatly depend upon the political being sixty-eight years old. The legis-standpoint from which it is judged. lature of the state in honor of the great | And lawyers who have studied the and patriotic Frenchman who had done same books, or even been educated at so much to aid our forefathers to gain the same school, may honestly differ in their liberties, celebrated the event by their judgment of a legal proposition changing the name of Lillard county solely by reason of the different politito Lafavette. Lexington had become cal standpoints from which they view the county seat two years before this the question. Thus the Sedalia Demotime. On December 13, 1834, the sub-division was made which reduced from politics is the merest "rot." The division was made which reduced from politics is the merest "rot. Lafayette county to its present dimen- people are all partisans, and they want sions, the formation of Johnson county their officers, from the highest to the at that time supplying its southern lowest, to be thorough party men. Not boundary, Jackson county having been that they want the law administered in created in the month of December, one way to republicans and in a differganized the entire state of Missouri from a democratic standpoint. onstituted but one congressional dis- Our contemporary's assertion in reconstituted but one congressional district; the population of the state was about 150,000; now we have fourteen congressional districts and a population verging on 3,000,000 of souls. Then St. Louis was a village of about 6,000 candidates, or the people? We don't believe the people? We don't believe the people of the state was a village of about 6,000 candidates, or the people? We don't believe the people of the state was about 150,000; now we have fourteen gard to plunging the contest for circuit indee "into the very mire and dirty pool of politics" is merely cant. Who people, while most of the cities of Mis- believe the people, acting in their ouri were not in existence. To day capacity as sovereign citizens, con-St. Louis has a half million inhabitants, stitute a "dirty pool." And we believe Kansas City a hundred thousand, and a primary election by the people to be St. Joseph, Springfield, Hannibal, a better, more houest and satisfactory Carthage and other places are entitled system than the convention system. to be called cities. Necessarily, to the Therefore, we say, let the action of the early history of the state and county I committee stand and the primary be can but advert. I have said enough to held to the end that the show that what it has been and what it circuit judge may be the choice of the s, has been largely influenced by the people of the district. membership of this club and their contemporaries And now, Mr. President, Ladies and S. Fish Commission Steamer Albatross,

first that we learned to lisp in infancy, were secured.

the idol of our boyhood, the stay of our wayward youth, and the sweetes t memory of our after life. Whatever is tender in us do we not owe it to our mothers; whatever is pure, generous, reverent and charitable does it not come from their early teaching? While we do honor to our fathers for the patriotism, the courage to defend our liberties, the industry and frugality to provide for those we love-for all their rugged virtues-let us not, either, be unmindful of those meek and patient belpmeets who have labored with them in peace, and prayed for them in war. Both are getting old. 'No snow

falls lighter than the snow of age; but none is heavier, for it never melts." With the poet the aged may say: -My feet are weary and my hands are tired, My soul oppressed— And I desire what I have long desired— Rest—only rest.

The burden of my days is hard to bear, But God knows best; And I have prayed, but vain has been my For rest-sweet rest.

And so I cry a weak and human cry. So heart oppressed; And so I sigh a weak and human sigh, For rest-for rest

formulate such an introductory para- My way has wound across the desert years, And cares infest path, and through the flowing of ho I pine for rest.

> And I am restless; 'twill soon be o'er, For down the west Life's sun is setting, and I see the shore Where I shall rest.

But after all our veterans are not ead. They think with Cicero, who said;-As I approve of a youth that has something of the old man in him, so I am no less pleased with an old man that has something of the youth." Age is not all decay. It is the ripanng, the swelling of the fresh life in, that withers and bursts the husks." In this land where it is honored, cherished and sustained, where to neglect the feeble and the old is a shame next akin to crime, age has its compensa-tions. It is the season of wisdom, consultation, contemplation. However much we may sing:--"Backward, flow backward. O tide of the years!" how few of us there are who would be willing again to undergo the trials of our past lives, their temptations and their sufferings. At least the old man, who fears his God and loves his neighbor, is safe for eternity; and what can be more blessed than that? He may soon have to leave the scenes of his probationary stay on earth, but his glimp-ses of Heaven have so dwarfed its beauties that he does not much regret it. His lamp is trimmed and he is ready. Unlike the young man, his affections are more there than here. The love-light of his sweetheart's eyes are awaiting him over yonder. The friend whom he loved in youth has been gone so long! The girls and boys who played around the old school house in the long ago, O, where are they? All with their Lord and Master on the other shore. Then why should it be hard to die—to fall asleep and awaken in Paradise with the scores whom we have loved and lost? No,

THE OIROUIT JUDGESHIP.

we seen it more honored, more heauti-

ful and more eloquent than in this as-

grandest name that has ever charmed the human ear, or held enthralled the

[From the Marshall Democrat.] The Sedalla Democrat, in an illy judged, officionsly and offensively toped editorial, revolts against the action of the judicial committee in calling a 17th of July, for the purpose of nomi-nating a democratic candidate for circuit indge. That paper demands that the committee meet again, rescind its action, and call a convention to nominate the candidate. The paper is evidently afraid to trust the people, but wants a circuit judge nominated by the subterranean and questionable methods characteristic of conventions The Sedalia Democrat bases its 'kick'

on the following ridiculous and untena "A canvass has been forced upon the candidates for circuit judge alike unworthy of the office to which they aspire and of the candidates themselves. the Heavens. In the same number of committee has forced, as we believe, names it would be hard to find more of an unwise and unusual canvass on the the milk of human kindness; more of candidates, which will cause the genloyal love to kith and kin, to friend tlemen aspiring to the bench to become mendicants, vote beggars, like a main seeking the pettiest county or township office. The policy is, and it is mainfireside once the strife and labor over. tained by public sentiment, to separate To eulogize two or three, unless all our indiciary, the bench, as much trom could be spoken of, would be invidious, politics as possible. But the central ommittee thrusts, or plunges the con-

test for circuit judge in this district in-to the very mire and dirty pool of poli-In what respect is the convass "un-worthy" the candidates or the office? Is contact with the people contaminating cub largely represent the history of or repulsive to some of the caudidates If so, as the boys say, they "don't have" to be candidates. Our contemporary is mistaken, we

think, in the assertion that there has

been a policy maintained of separating

the judiciary from politics. The judi-ciary officers all over this and other

states, chosen at every election, are uniformly partisan nominees; and the partisan contests over the election of judges are as clear-cut, well defined and stubbornly fought as those for any other office. At every election the supreme judgeship is sought after through political channels became a state. In 1820 the county of and the circuit, criminal, probate and Lillard was established, bounded on county judges are invariably partisan nominees, and fealty to party is always considered an essential qualification. It is held by the democracy that it is the western boundary of Missouri. In as important that a supreme or circuit that year, among others, John Nelson judge should be a thorough, out-and-out democrat, as that a governor or a congressman should be. The applicaand his son, George Washington Lafay- tion and effect of a principle of law 1826. When Lafayette county was or- ent way to democrats, but to all alike,

The return to Washington of the U. Gentleman, a word at parting. I look from a two months' cruise among the about me and I see representatives of Bahamas, has added many valuable obhe several stages of life-childhood, jects of natural history to the collecyouth, sturdy manhood and old age, tions in the national museum. The ex-There is something to be said to all, pedition was fitted out with the view but this day belongs only to the latter of obtaining specimens of tropical ani-We are here to do honor to the Old mals and birds, and the success achiev-Men's Club. And upon what more ed by the collectors has been remarkanoble mission could we come if we in- ble. The skins of more than fifteen clude with the fathers in Israel the hundred birds, including upward of 36. Sept. 27, 1884, at Capt. Jos. R. mothers, too? O, blessed name! The fifty species not heretofore described,